Plan investments, the percentages in the previous Plan periods from Fifth Plan to X Plan are as under:

Five Plan	23.25
Six Plan	20.85
Seven Plan	11.85
Einght Plan	18.48
Nine Plan	16.55
Tenth Plan	15.59

The main reason for declining investments in irrigation is competing demands from other social sectors. Water being a State subject, the planning, execution, funding, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However with a view to expedite completion of projects and bring more area under irrigation, Government of India has launched the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). Under the programme, financial assistance in the form of Central loan and grant is being extended to State Governments to help them complete the ongoing irrigation projects in a time bound manner so that the benefits could accrue at the earliest. Further, a scheme on "Repair, Renovation and Restoration of water bodies directly linked to Agriculture" has also been recently taken up by the Ministry of Water Resources.

Action plan for scientific water management of Brahmputra River

2927. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government have formulated any National Action Plan for scientific water management survey of Brahmputra river with the help of World Bank;

(b) if so, the present status of the Action Plan; and

(c) the details of effective measures taken or proposed to be taken for implementation of the said plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region is negotiating with the World Bank for study on "Water, Natural Resources and the Environment for Development and Growth in North East". The study is an integrated project combining all natural resources for their efficient utilization for developmental purposes keeping the environmental issues in mind. The World Bank had mounted a mission to the North East for basic fact-findings in the month of January, 2005 and also organized a workshop on January 20-21, 2005. The proposed study with the help of the World Bank is at the initial stage of formulation.

Appearance of water in dried-up wells

2928. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water has recently appeared in long dried-up wells and areas of wasteland in far-flung pockets of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the names of areas where this miracle has happened; and

(c) whether this water is potable and fit for irrigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources, has reported sudden appearance of water in some wells in localized area of Ranga Reddy district in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Investigations carried out by the CGWB on the reported sudden appearance and rise of water level in some parts of Ranga Reddy district, revealed the following:—

* Sudden appearance of water in a dry domestic dug well in Dharur village, Dharur Mandal.

* Appearance of water in a well near Chandra theatre, Tandur town, Tandur Mandal.